

For, while the wicked kings, Manasseh and Amon, were reigning over Judah, the temple had been sadly neglected. Its walls had even been broken down, and some of its furniture had been taken away. So there was a great deal of work for Josiah to do before God's house would again be the beautiful place which he meant it to be.

All the people throughout the land of Judah, as well as some of those who were left in Israel, brought gifts of money to the temple to help on the rebuilding of it. Hilkiah the high priest took the money and gave it to the builders, and with it they paid the workmen, besides buying the stone and precious woods which were to build up the house of God again in all its beauty. The Levites were made special overseers of the work, and both they and the workmen did all they had to do faithfully and well, till at last the temple of the Lord was finished.

Questions on the Lesson

1. How old was Josiah when he began to reign? 2. Whose grandson was he? 3. Was Josiah a good or a bad king? 4. When he was grown up, what did he decide to do? 5. Whither did Josiah go with his men? 6. What did these men destroy? 7. What was done to the priests of Baal? 8. Why were they killed? 9. What did Josiah do when he came back to Jerusalem? 10. What plan was made? 11. What did the people give towards the work? 12. What was done with the money? 13. Who were appointed overseers? 14. What is the Golden Text?

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Copy the Golden Text. God wants the very youngest to serve Him.

*Remember now thy Creator
in the days of thy youth.*

Lesson Hymn

Childhood's years are passing o'er us,
Youthful days will soon be done;
Cares and sorrows lie before us,
Hidden dangers, snares unknown.

O may He, who, meek and lowly,
Trode Himself this vale of woe,
Make us His, and make us holy,
Guard and guide us while we go. Amen.

—Hymn 584, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD SERVE GOD

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—38. How did Jesus spend His life, when He grew up to be a man? When Jesus grew up to be a man He went about doing good, and teaching men about God.

SHORTER CATECHISM—97. *What is required to the worthy receiving of the Lord's supper?*
A. It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of their faith to feed upon him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves.

The Question on Missions

4. What is the message of the missionary to the Jews? First, that the gospel is able to save Jews and Gentiles alike; and that they can be saved only by accepting Him as the true Messiah.